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Wakisaka et al.

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For OPTICAL WRITE HEAD, AND METHOD OF ASSEMBLING THE SAME

Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to computation of the filing fees and examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 19 and 20 to read as follows, and add new claims 30 and 31 as follows (the edited version of the amendments being attached hereto):

19. The optical write head according to claim 17, wherein a frame of the rod lens array is formed from glass, and the metallic member is a nickel alloy or titanium.

20. The optical write head according to claim 17, wherein the light-emitting device array is a self-scan-type light-emitting device array.

30. The optical write head according to claim 17, wherein a frame of the rod lens array is formed from glass, and the metallic member is a nickel alloy or titanium.

31. The optical write head according to claim 17, wherein the light-emitting device array is a self-scan-type light-emitting device array.

REMARKS

The amendment avoids multiple dependent claim format.

If any additional fees are required to gain entry of this amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to charge attorney's deposit account 23-1951 (McGuireWoods).

Respectfully submitted,



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AMENDED CLAIMS

Claim 19 (once amended). The optical write head according to claim 17[or 18], wherein a frame of the rod lens array is formed from glass, and the metallic member is a nickel alloy or titanium.

Claim 20 (once amended). The optical write head according to claim 17[or 18], wherein the light-emitting device array is a self-scan-type light-emitting device array.